



## ADVISORY NOTICE

**No. 10-001**

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**SUBJECT:** Extended Role Skills for IV Anti-coagulants and Nitroglycerin

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Effective immediately, and consistent with national norms, administration of IV Anticoagulants and/or IV Nitroglycerin are considered part of the scope-of-practice for all Rhode Island EMT-Paramedics. Accordingly, the Department of Health will no longer issue Extended Role Skill cards to EMT-Paramedics for these skills. Because these medications have been in the EMT-Paramedic National Standard Curriculum (NSC) since 1998, most paramedics should already be trained in their administration. Any Rhode Island EMT-Paramedics who have NOT been trained in these medications (i.e., those who completed their paramedic education prior to 1998 and who have yet to complete a standalone training for these medications) must complete the necessary remedial training at the earliest opportunity.

EMT-Instructor/Coordinators should note that a course approval number is no longer necessary for IV Anticoagulant and IV Nitroglycerin courses. All students should, however, be issued certificates of course completion in order to demonstrate they have completed the necessary training should the need arise.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions related to the ambulance inspection and licensure process please contact the Division of EMS at (401) 222-2401.